## Exhibit 5

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                       UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
                  FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
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                            ATLANTA DIVISION
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    THE STATE OF GEORGIA,
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                       PLAINTIFF,
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                                         1:23-CV-03621-SCJ
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            -VS-
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    MARK RANDALL MEADOWS,
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                       DEFENDANT.
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                 TRANSCRIPT OF EVIDENTIARY PROCEEDINGS
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                  BEFORE THE HONORABLE STEVE C. JONES
                      UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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                         MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023
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- the governor would certify them.
- **Q**. But as you as the Secretary of State are administering elections and preparing to certify an election, is there anyone in the federal government that you coordinate that
- 6 **A.** No.

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- **Q**. Is there anyone in the federal government that you consult about the appropriateness of certifying any specific election?
- 10 **A**. No.
- 11 Q. Anyone in the executive branch -- that's a slightly different question.
  - Anyone in the executive branch that you consult with in the administration or certification of the election results in Georgia?
- 16 **A**. No.
- Q. What about the President of the United States, does the President of the United States at any given time have any role in the administration of the election activity administration in Georgia?
- 21 A. Not from my understanding.
- Q. Does the President of the United States have any role in the certification of the Georgia elections in your understanding as the Secretary of State?
- 25 **A**. No.